

HONORING UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, FRESNO DISTRIBUTION CENTER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United Parcel Service (UPS) and their Fresno employees for their dedication to answering the needs of the local business community. Their hard work and ability to adapt quickly have kept Fresno businesses competitive with those in other areas.

UPS, which is the world's largest package distribution company, transports more than 3 billion parcels and documents annually. Using more than 500 aircraft, 149,000 vehicles and 1,700 facilities to provide service in more than 200 countries and territories, they have made a worldwide commitment to serving the needs of the global marketplace.

Recently, UPS has added next-day ground service to their delivery options out of their Fresno distribution center. The addition of this service has opened the door for Fresno businesses. The ability to make ground deliveries overnight gives Fresno businesses the same advantage that Southern California businesses have, next-day delivery.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor the UPS Fresno Distribution Center for its commitment to the financial prosperity of Fresno and the Central Valley. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the UPS Fresno Distribution Center many more years of continued success.

NATIONAL OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK

HON. TED STRICKLAND

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2001

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, November 11–17 is National Osteopathic Medicine Week, a week when we recognize the more than 47,000 osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) across the country for their contributions to the American healthcare system. This year, we celebrate D.O.s commitment to preventative medicine and end-of-life care.

During National Osteopathic Medicine (NOM) Week, D.O.s and patients celebrate the benefits of preventative health care by looking at the simple things that can be done to live healthier lives. As physicians who focus on treating the whole person and not just their symptoms, the nation's osteopathic physicians are dedicated to helping maintain health through a whole-person patient-centered approach to healthcare. And, within that principle, they recognize death as the legitimate endpoint to the human lifecycle and respect the dignity and special needs of both patients and caregivers.

During NOM Week, D.O.s everywhere will explore multidisciplinary perspectives on end-of-life care, the ethical debate of pain management and ways to remove communications

barriers in the physician-patient relationship at end of life. Activities also educate Americans about end-of-life care and related topics, such as advances in pain management, cultural sensitivities toward final stages of life, organ donation, advance directives, and end-of-life care options and financing.

For more than a century, D.O.s have made a difference in the lives and health of my fellow citizens in southeast Ohio and all Americans. Overall, more than 100 million patient visits are made each year to D.O.s. As fully licensed physicians, D.O.s are committed to serving the needs of rural and underserved communities. That is why D.O.s make up 15 percent of the total physician population in towns of 10,000 or less.

Osteopathic physicians are certified in nearly 60 specialties and 33 subspecialties. They complete similar requirements set for M.D.s, and must complete and pass: four years of medical education at one of 19 osteopathic medical schools; a one-year internship; a multi-year residency; and a state medical board exam. Throughout this education, D.O.s are trained to understand how the musculoskeletal system influences the condition of all other body systems. Many patients want this extra education as a part of their health care. Individuals may call (866) 346–3236 to find a D.O. in their community.

In recognition of NOM Week, I congratulate the over 3,300 D.O.s in Ohio, the 416 students at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine (located in my district), and the 47,000 D.O.s represented by the American Osteopathic Association for their contributions to the good health of the American people.

ON THE PASSING OF FORMER VIRGINIA CONGRESSMAN TOM DOWNING

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2001

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, we honor today the memory of Thomas Downing, a former member of Congress from the Tidewater area of Virginia who died October 23 at the age of 82. I join with fellow members of the Virginia congressional delegation in honoring Tommy Downing, who represented the Tidewater Peninsula for 18 years from 1959 to 1977.

While Congressman Downing's record of long public service and work in the House of Representatives preceded most of today's Members, including myself, the impact and achievements of his career will long be remembered. I would like to say a few words today to acknowledge the career of this dedicated public servant.

A graduate of Virginia Military Institute, Congressman Downing, who was an Army captain, led an Army reconnaissance team in World War II. On August 11, 1944, his unit in northern France was ambushed by the German troops. After the initial exchange of gunfire, two of his troops were injured. Congressman Downing immediately rescued them, and received the Silver Star, which said, "Captain Downing, without hesitation and with utter dis-

regard for his personal safety, ran to the aid of his men among a hail of bullets."

Mr. Downing was first elected in 1958, and is especially remembered for his dedication to his district, especially Newport News Shipbuilding. He recognized early on the great economic impact the Newport News shipyard had on his district and on the state of Virginia. During his tenure, the shipyard added the area known as the Northyard, making it easier and more cost-effective to build some of the largest ships in the world.

Congressman Downing is also remembered nationally for his work following the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. During the 94th Congress he served as the chairman of the select Committee on Assassinations.

Finally, Congressman Downing made significant achievements in strengthening and modernizing the U.S. Merchant Marine Service. As chair of the House Merchant Marine Subcommittee he helped craft major legislation to overhaul and modernize the merchant marines. The Merchant Marine Act of 1970 was a significant promotion of our national security interests.

In short, Congressman Downing served the Commonwealth of Virginia and the country with distinction. Again, on behalf of the entire House, we would extend our condolences on his family and friends. Our nation, the state of Virginia and the Tidewater Peninsula will truly miss him.

FORMER REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS N. DOWNING

HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2001

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in paying tribute to former Congressman Thomas N. Downing.

Tom represented Virginia's First Congressional District from 1959 to 1977. He represented part of what is now the First and Third Congressional Districts, and part, at one time, of the Second.

Tom began his public service career in the military. In 1940, he graduated from Virginia Military Institute. From 1942 to 1946, he served as the troop commander of the Mechanized Cavalry with Third United States Army and commanded the first troops in the Third Army to invade Germany. For his exemplary service involving the rescue of two of his men during a reconnaissance operation in Northern France, Tom was awarded the Silver Star. The citation accompanying the Silver Star read in part "Captain Downing, without hesitation, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, ran to the aid of his men among a hail of bullets."

After his service in the military, Tom would return to school to earn his law degree from the University of Virginia. He practiced law in Hampton for 11 years and also served as a substitute judge of the municipal court for the City of Warwick prior to his election to the Eighty-sixth Congress in 1958. He would serve eight succeeding Congresses with little